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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
P, X	WO 97 00067 A (UNIV VICTORIA ; NANO FRANCIS E (CA)) 3 January 1997 see final paragraph page 6-first paragraph page 7 see page 15, line 28 - page 17, line 28 ---	1-12
P, X	DE 195 25 784 A (BOEHRINGER MANNHEIM GMBH) 16 January 1997 see claims 24-26, 31, 32 see page 6, line 62 - page 7, line 14 --- -/-- 	1, 3, 8



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